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AFRL engineers earn '40 Under 40' award

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio— The Dayton Business Journal has selected Dr. James Gord and Dr. Robert Hancock of the Air Force Research Laboratory as recipients of its seventh annual 40 Under 40 award.

The 100 nominees for the prestigious award program included members of Dayton's business community and were judged based on business and community leadership and career path.

The Business News established the 40 Under 40 program in 1998 with the help of Dean Investment Associates, with the goal of acknowledging the young leaders that achieve the highest within their business community.

Dr. Gord and Dr. Hancock, from AFRL's Propulsion Directorate, were among the final 40 selected to receive the award.

Dr. Gord graduated from Miami University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and then went on to obtain a doctorate in analytical chemistry from Purdue University. He completed his education at the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics in Boulder, Colo., and is now working in the Propulsion Directorate's Combustion Branch. He is a principal research chemist and director of the Combustion and Laser Diagnostics Research Complex. He designs, develops and operates state-of-the-art facilities used to study combustion and fuel. Dr. Gord is also active in his community, participating in numerous technical societies, committees, family church activities and youth sports programs. He is the father of three boys.

Dr. Hancock received master's and bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering from Brigham Young University and a doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois. He is now chief of the Combustion Branch in AFRL's Propulsion Directorate, where he oversees the activities of 59 people and directs a \$10.7 million a year research program involving combustors, afterburners, pulsed detonation engines, laser diagnostics and emissions. He is actively involved in his community, contributing his free time as a Boy Scout leader, a church youth leader and previous chairman of the Beavercreek Advisory Council for the Gifted.

The award winners were recognized April 22 at a banquet held at the Crowne Plaza in Dayton and were featured in a special report of the Dayton Business Journal. @



Dr. James Gord



Dr. Robert Hancock